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SUBJECT: ATHENS BALKAN CONFERENCE

1. ACCORDING TO MFA SOURCES, ROMANIAN DELEGATION DEPARTING TODAY FOR ATHENS BALKAN TALKS WILL BE HEADED BY STEFAN NICOLAE, FIRST VICE-MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION.

2. WE UNDERSTAND LARGE DELEGATION (ABOUT A DOZEN) WILL INCLUDE AMB VALENTIN LIPATTI, GOR'S FORMER CHIEF CSCE NEGOTIATOR AND NOW HEAD OF MFA'S SECTION FOR MULTILATERAL EUROPEAN QUESTIONS INCLUDING CSCE FOLLOW-UP, IN WHICH FRAME GOR PREFERS TO PLACE BALKAN COOPERATION. LIPATTI'S PRESENCE BETRAYS GOR'S HOPE THAT BALKAN MEETING CAN SOMEHOW PUSH BEYOND TECHNICAL COOPERATION EVENTUALLY INTO MORE POLITICAL DOMAIN. ADDING TO POLITICAL SIDE, WE UNDERSTAND DELEGATION INCLUDES MFA'S TEODOR MELESCANU, A UN AFFAIRS-DISARMAMENT SPECIALIST PLUS LIPATTI'S AIDE DIACONU WHO HAS HAD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF IAEA AND CSCE ISSUES.

3. ONE MFA SOURCE SAID GOR EXPECTED CONFERENCE MIGHT LAST AS MUCH AS 2-3 WEEKS, IN VIEW OF THE BREADTH OF ISSUES (ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL TIES, BALKAN BANK, TOURIST BUSINESS, ROAD TRANSPORT, TECHNOLOGY, ETC.) TO BE CONSIDERED. SOURCE, WHO WORKS FOR LIPATTI, DECLINED TO PREDICT WHAT FOLLOW-ON MAY BE POSSIBLE, BUT INDICATED GOR WOULD DO ITS BEST TO STIMULATE SOMETHING.
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